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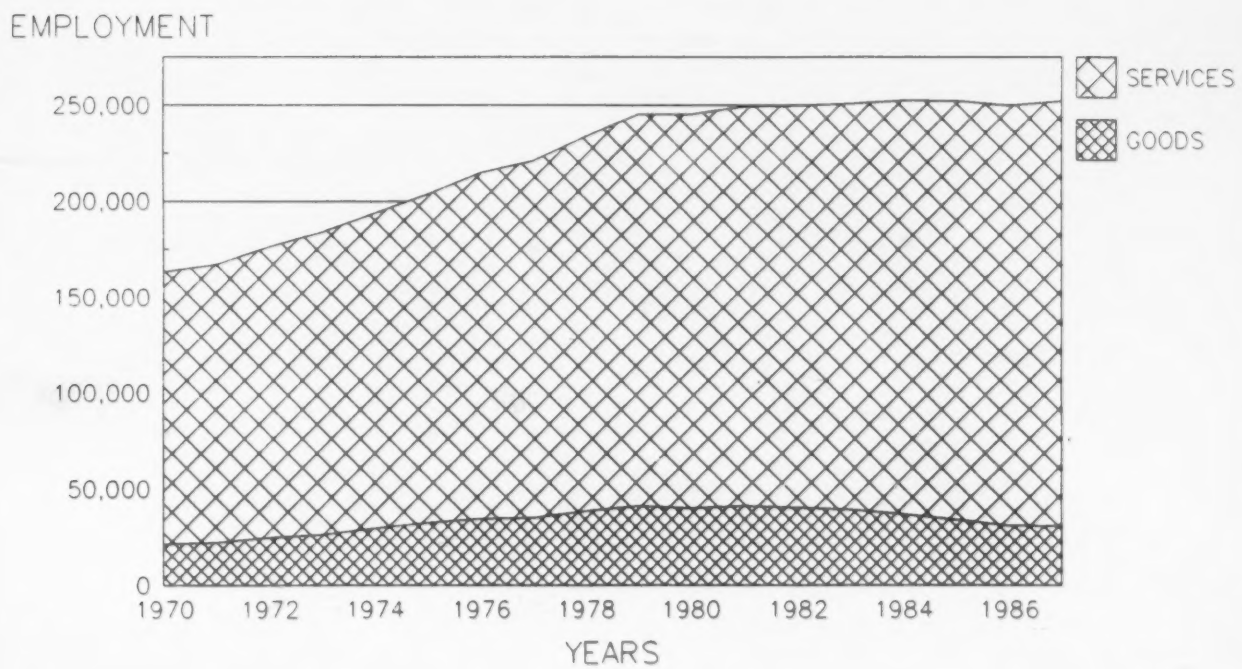

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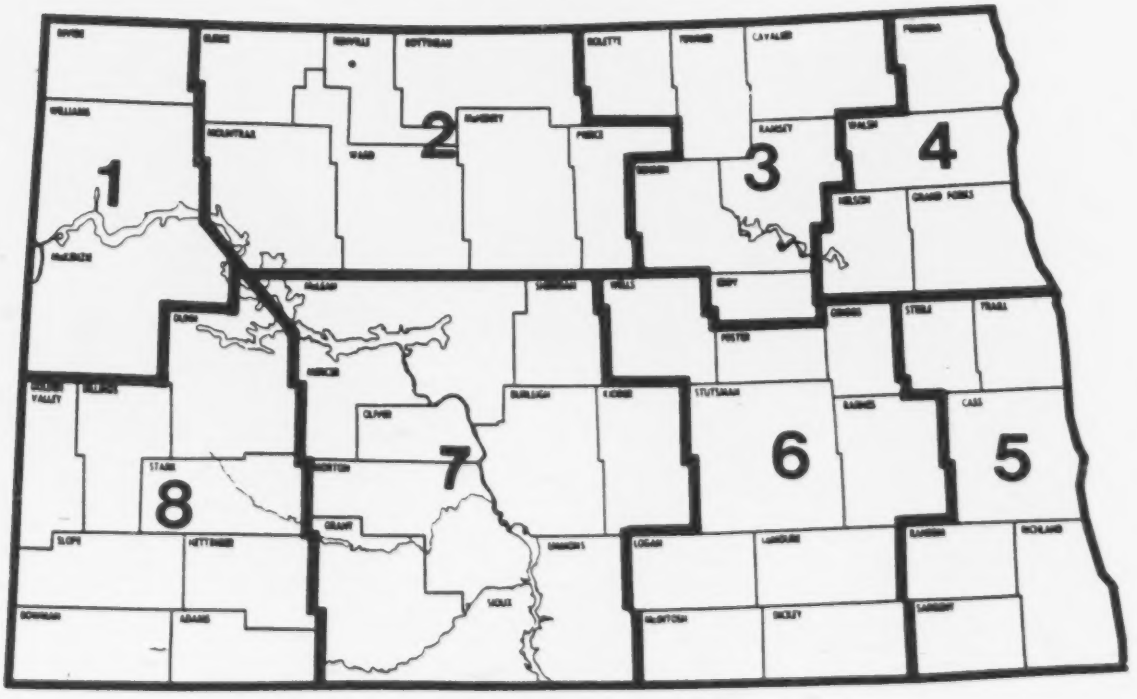

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AMERICAN WORKERS AND THE WORKPLACE

Every day millions of people head for work; yet, most of us know very little about workers or their workplace in general. All we know about is our own little contribution to some work process at some workplace in which we receive some measured amount of compensation. What we hope to do here is present a few interesting facts about work and the workplace.

Paperwork seems to escalate every year, despite the predictions that computers would create a paperless office. No matter how organized people are or how good a filing system businesses have, office executives spend about 150 hours per year (almost four workweeks) looking for misplaced or mislabeled documents.

Creating more paperwork is often the fault of executives themselves. Studies indicate that a typical executive spends 22 percent of his/her workday reading and writing memos and, yet, most executives feel that 39 percent of them didn't need to be written in the first place.

The United States is in an industrial transition going from manufacturing to services. One indication of this change is the fact that between 1972 and 1987 the number of office workers rose from 40 million to 63 million (an increase of 57.5 percent).

The role of women in the labor force has also changed dramatically. In 1972 about 33 percent of managerial/professional office workers were female. Today, that number has risen to 44 percent. The percentage of women in technical, sales, and administrative-support positions has increased slightly between 1972 to present, rising from 60 percent to 65 percent.

Where would business people be without meetings? Sixty-three percent of the male and 44 percent of the female office workers spend between one to two hours per day in meetings. At the rate of two hours per work day, one-fourth of each work year would be spent in meetings.

Computers--curse them or praise them--are in the office and here to stay. With the development of personal computers, a whole new way of doing office work was created. It is estimated that there are 11 million microcomputers in U.S. businesses, institutions, and government offices today, and by 1991 that number should more than double to 23 million. Approximately 45 percent of top executives have personal computers in their offices and 69 percent of those say they use their computers on a regular basis. Yet, self-confidence in using the computers has a way to go, because only 39 percent feel they are really proficient at using them.

A controversial topic today is the practice of smoking in the office. For those against smoking, take notice--in 1980 about 35 percent of office workers smoked in the workplace, but by 1986 smokers were down to 21 percent.

Where would an office be without office supplies? American businesses spend about $7.4 billion per year on furniture. Manufacturers shipped about $1 billion worth of pens in 1987, while other manufacturers shipped about $831 million worth of file folders.

A number of miscellaneous items are listed below for your information:

1. The average U.S. office worker spends 6.5 hours per day in his/her personal work space.

2. Approximately 42 percent of Americans believe it is important that they be able to dress the way they like (within reasonable limits) for work.

3. About 31 percent of U.S. companies have requested designs for physical fitness centers.

4. Only 6 percent of U.S. companies have requested designs for day-care centers.

5. About 50 percent of U.S. companies now offer some form of flextime.

The sources for the information above are too numerous to list, but the primary source was a column written by Mr. Barry Tarshis called "9 to 5" published in the 1988 INC. Office Guide.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH AUGUST 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH JULY 1988	ONE YEAR AGO AUGUST 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JULY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR AUGUST 1987
TOTAL	255,600	256,850	252,350	-0.5%	1.3%
MINING	4,300	4,200	4,350	2.4%	-1.1%
COAL	1,000	1,000	1,100	0.0%	-9.1%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,700	2,700	3.7%	3.7%
OTHER MINING	500	500	550	0.0%	-9.1%
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	12,200	13,600	0.0%	-10.3%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,000	3,100	3,400	-3.2%	-11.8%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,400	3,400	4,100	0.0%	-17.1%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,800	5,700	6,100	1.8%	-4.9%
MANUFACTURING	16,050	16,500	15,650	-2.7%	2.6%
DURABLE GOODS	7,000	7,100	6,900	-1.4%	1.4%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	750	750	850	0.0%	-11.8%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	850	850	850	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,100	4,200	4,000	-2.4%	2.5%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,300	1,300	1,200	0.0%	8.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,050	9,400	8,750	-3.7%	3.4%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,050	4,400	4,050	-8.0%	0.0%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	850	850	800	0.0%	6.3%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	900	1,300	1,300	-30.8%	-30.8%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	500	350	0.0%	42.9%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,800	1,750	1,600	2.9%	12.5%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,600	2,600	2,300	0.0%	13.0%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,600	16,700	16,400	-0.6%	1.2%
TRANSPORTATION	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	0.0%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,800	4,800	4,900	0.0%	-2.0%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0.0%	2.9%
COMMUNICATION	3,500	3,500	3,200	0.0%	9.4%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,900	4,900	-2.0%	-2.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH AUGUST 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH JULY 1988	ONE YEAR AGO AUGUST 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JULY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR AUGUST 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,900	19,900	19,700	0.0%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,300	9,300	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,600	10,600	10,400	0.0%	1.9%
RETAIL TRADE	49,400	49,300	48,800	0.2%	1.2%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,200	6,200	1.6%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	6,800	6,800	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,000	27,000	26,600	0.0%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,550	12,550	12,650	0.0%	-0.8%
FINANCE	6,700	6,700	6,800	0.0%	-1.5%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
INSURANCE	4,000	4,000	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,850	1,850	1,950	0.0%	-5.1%
SERVICES	64,400	64,100	61,300	0.5%	5.1%
LODGING	4,400	4,300	4,400	2.3%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,300	27,200	26,500	0.4%	3.0%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	20,100	20,000	19,600	0.5%	2.6%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,200	7,200	6,900	0.0%	4.3%
OTHER SERVICES	32,700	32,600	30,400	0.3%	7.6%
GOVERNMENT	60,200	61,400	59,900	-2.0%	0.5%
FEDERAL	10,400	10,400	10,400	0.0%	0.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	17,300	17,800	17,300	-2.8%	0.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	9,900	10,200	10,000	-2.9%	-1.0%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,400	7,600	7,300	-2.6%	1.4%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,500	33,200	32,200	-2.1%	0.9%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12,800	13,100	13,000	-2.3%	-1.5%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,700	20,100	19,200	-2.0%	2.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	AUGUST 1988	JULY 1988	AUGUST 1987	JULY 1988	AUGUST 1987
TOTAL	71,200	71,450	68,950	-0.3%	3.3%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,300	4,200	4,300	2.4%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	4,800	4,850	4,850	-1.0%	-1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,000	2,100	2,200	-4.8%	-9.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,800	2,750	2,650	1.8%	5.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	5,100	5,100	4,500	0.0%	13.3%
TRADE	21,400	21,500	21,000	-0.5%	1.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,600	6,700	6,700	-1.5%	-1.5%
RETAIL TRADE	14,800	14,800	14,300	0.0%	3.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,500	0.0%	2.2%
SERVICES	19,200	19,100	18,200	0.5%	5.5%
GOVERNMENT	11,800	12,100	11,600	-2.5%	1.7%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
STATE & LOCAL	9,700	10,000	9,400	-3.0%	3.2%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,950	29,450	28,700	-1.7%	0.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,650	2,100	3.0%	-19.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,300	1,750	1,250	-25.7%	4.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,450	1,450	1,450	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	8,400	8,400	8,250	0.0%	1.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,600	1,600	1,550	0.0%	3.2%
RETAIL TRADE	6,800	6,800	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,150	0.0%	4.3%
SERVICES	6,800	6,800	6,600	0.0%	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,100	8,200	7,900	-1.2%	2.5%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,550	37,200	37,250	0.9%	0.8%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,850	1,800	2,000	2.8%	-7.5%
MANUFACTURING	2,100	2,100	2,000	0.0%	5.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,900	9,800	10,000	1.0%	-1.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,700	7,800	1.3%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,650	0.0%	-3.0%
SERVICES	10,900	10,700	10,500	1.9%	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,300	8,200	0.0%	1.2%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	Percent Change From July 1988	Percent Change From August 1987
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	123,723	123,357	122,042	0.3%	1.4%
Employment	116,872	116,732	114,786	0.1%	1.8%
Unemployment	6,851	6,625	7,256	3.4%	-5.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.4%	5.9%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	337,290	339,130	333,020	-0.5%	1.3%
Employment	322,750	325,140	319,850	-0.7%	0.9%
Unemployment	14,540	13,990	13,170	3.9%	10.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,310	86,670	83,400	-0.4%	3.5%
Employment	83,910	84,320	80,850	-0.5%	3.8%
Unemployment	2,400	2,350	2,550	2.1%	-5.9%
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,470	36,850	36,010	-1.0%	1.3%
Employment	34,690	35,470	34,500	-2.2%	0.6%
Unemployment	1,780	1,380	1,510	29.0%	17.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	3.7%	4.2%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,180	45,990	45,390	0.4%	1.7%
Employment	44,180	44,030	43,810	0.3%	0.8%
Unemployment	2,000	1,960	1,580	2.0%	26.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	3.5%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

JULY 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	339.1	369.8	2,347.9	398.2
Employment	325.1	356.2	2,266.4	373.5
Unemployment	14.0	13.6	81.5	24.7
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.7%	3.5%	6.2%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Manufacturing	412.49	413.51	403.27	40.8	40.7	40.9	10.11	10.16	9.86
Durable Goods	438.61	439.60	430.35	41.3	41.2	41.3	10.62	10.67	10.42
Nondurable Goods	377.88	377.06	368.45	40.2	39.9	40.4	9.40	9.45	9.12

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Manufacturing	325.47	323.33	327.71	38.7	38.4	38.6	8.41	8.42	8.49
Durable Goods	338.22	339.08	346.23	39.1	39.2	40.4	8.65	8.65	8.57
Nondurable Goods	314.06	311.09	313.22	38.3	37.8	37.2	8.20	8.23	8.42
Food & Kindred	333.66	319.51	318.94	40.2	39.3	37.0	8.30	8.13	8.62
Printing and Publishing	268.60	271.25	264.70	31.6	31.8	31.4	8.50	8.53	8.43

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Manufacturing	345.24	338.96	321.01	41.1	40.4	37.9	8.40	8.39	8.47
Durable Goods	328.86	316.80	324.66	40.6	40.0	39.4	8.10	7.92	8.24
Nondurable Goods	357.73	357.41	318.05	41.5	40.8	36.6	8.62	8.76	8.69

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1982-84=100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	Percent Change From July 1988	Percent Change From August 1987
All Items	113.6	119.0	118.5	114.4	0.4%	4.0%
Food & Beverage	113.5	119.4	118.8	113.8	0.5%	4.9%
Housing	114.2	119.5	119.1	115.4	0.3%	3.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	112.6	112.7	109.4	-0.1%	2.9%
Transportation	105.4	109.6	108.9	106.5	0.6%	2.9%
Medical Care	130.1	139.9	139.3	131.2	0.4%	6.6%
Entertainment	115.3	120.7	120.5	115.6	0.2%	4.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	Percent Change From July 1988	Percent Change From August 1987
All Commodities	102.8	108.0	107.8	103.8	0.2%	4.0%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	103.7	112.6	113.0	104.0	-0.4%	8.3%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	107.1	106.7	103.7	0.4%	3.3%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Divide	1,540	1,562	1,598	1,513	1,515	1,566	27	47	32	1.8%	3.0%	2.0%
McKenzie	3,189	3,176	3,141	3,032	3,066	3,025	157	110	116	4.9%	3.5%	3.7%
Williams	11,933	11,844	11,519	11,422	11,374	10,851	511	470	668	4.3%	4.0%	5.8%
REGION 1	16,662	16,582	16,258	15,967	15,955	15,442	695	627	816	4.2%	3.8%	5.0%
Bottineau	3,723	3,744	3,741	3,547	3,572	3,590	176	172	151	4.7%	4.6%	4.0%
Burke	1,395	1,421	1,422	1,339	1,367	1,334	56	54	88	4.0%	3.8%	6.2%
McHenry	2,758	2,755	2,746	2,579	2,564	2,547	179	191	199	6.5%	6.9%	7.2%
Mountrail	3,400	3,403	3,449	3,161	3,180	3,221	239	223	228	7.0%	6.6%	6.6%
Pierce	2,648	2,691	2,678	2,578	2,609	2,614	70	82	64	2.6%	3.0%	2.4%
Renville	1,347	1,361	1,362	1,295	1,309	1,315	52	52	47	3.9%	3.8%	3.5%
Ward	26,245	26,664	25,888	25,091	25,499	26,806	1,154	1,165	1,082	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%
REGION 2	41,516	42,039	41,286	39,590	40,100	39,427	1,926	1,939	1,859	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%
Benson	3,549	3,522	3,366	3,349	3,338	3,106	200	184	260	5.6%	5.2%	7.7%
Cavalier	2,807	2,873	2,799	2,718	2,762	2,700	89	111	99	3.2%	3.9%	3.5%
Eddy	1,400	1,454	1,532	1,339	1,361	1,412	61	93	120	4.4%	6.4%	7.8%
Ramsey	6,685	6,759	6,909	6,455	6,508	6,656	230	251	253	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%
Rolette	5,001	4,980	4,870	3,987	4,053	4,172	1,014	927	698	20.3%	18.6%	14.3%
Towner	1,752	1,764	1,833	1,709	1,728	1,790	43	36	43	2.5%	2.0%	2.3%
REGION 3	21,194	21,352	21,309	19,557	19,750	19,836	1,637	1,602	1,473	7.7%	7.5%	6.9%
Grand Forks	36,465	36,845	36,008	34,687	35,467	34,502	1,778	1,378	1,506	4.9%	3.7%	4.2%
Nelson	1,971	1,995	1,990	1,913	1,922	1,923	58	73	67	2.9%	3.7%	3.4%
Pembina	5,485	5,673	5,119	4,956	5,121	4,810	529	552	309	9.6%	9.7%	6.0%
Walsh	8,351	8,281	8,031	7,887	7,854	7,691	464	427	340	5.6%	5.2%	4.2%
REGION 4	52,272	52,794	51,148	49,443	50,364	48,926	2,829	2,430	2,222	5.4%	4.6%	4.3%
Cass	60,634	60,798	58,754	59,098	59,314	57,174	1,536	1,484	1,580	2.5%	2.4%	2.7%
Ransom	2,930	2,918	2,863	2,831	2,845	2,788	99	73	75	3.4%	2.5%	2.6%
Richland	9,491	9,371	8,903	9,000	8,988	8,566	491	383	337	5.2%	4.1%	3.8%
Sargent	2,652	2,713	2,619	2,611	2,667	2,558	41	46	61	1.5%	1.7%	2.3%
Steele	1,232	1,254	1,239	1,202	1,216	1,211	30	38	28	2.4%	3.0%	2.3%
Traill	4,639	4,602	4,495	4,280	4,351	4,255	359	251	240	7.7%	5.5%	5.3%
REGION 5	81,578	81,656	78,873	79,022	79,381	76,552	2,556	2,275	2,321	3.1%	2.8%	2.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Barnes	6,289	6,470	6,416	6,095	6,248	6,263	194	222	153	3.1%	3.4%	2.4%
Dickey	3,218	3,250	3,306	3,122	3,165	3,205	96	85	101	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%
Foster	2,275	2,283	2,217	2,204	2,210	2,156	71	73	61	3.1%	3.2%	2.8%
Griggs	1,558	1,574	1,607	1,522	1,536	1,574	36	38	33	2.3%	2.4%	2.1%
La Moure	2,490	2,543	2,545	2,432	2,464	2,494	58	79	51	2.3%	3.1%	2.0%
Logan	1,506	1,524	1,507	1,490	1,500	1,494	16	24	13	1.1%	1.6%	0.9%
McIntosh	2,348	2,369	2,354	2,315	2,341	2,322	33	28	32	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%
Stutsman	12,496	12,663	12,594	12,145	12,241	12,221	351	422	373	2.8%	3.3%	3.0%
Wells	2,970	3,038	3,018	2,874	2,898	2,894	96	140	124	3.2%	4.6%	4.1%
REGION 6	35,150	35,714	35,564	34,199	34,603	34,623	951	1,111	941	2.7%	3.1%	2.6%
Burleigh	33,658	33,551	33,195	32,332	32,226	32,062	1,326	1,325	1,133	3.9%	3.9%	3.4%
Emmons	2,238	2,282	2,346	2,179	2,197	2,270	59	85	76	2.6%	3.7%	3.2%
Grant	2,039	2,075	2,059	1,956	2,009	1,975	83	66	84	4.1%	3.2%	4.1%
Kidder	1,562	1,612	1,604	1,522	1,537	1,527	40	75	77	2.6%	4.7%	4.8%
McLean	4,687	4,591	4,843	4,413	4,302	4,619	274	289	224	5.8%	6.3%	4.6%
Mercer	5,671	5,683	5,670	5,364	5,349	5,342	307	334	328	5.4%	5.9%	5.8%
Morton	12,523	12,443	12,197	11,846	11,808	11,747	677	635	450	5.4%	5.1%	3.7%
Oliver	1,236	1,228	1,064	1,138	1,139	1,013	98	89	51	7.9%	7.2%	4.8%
Sheridan	1,262	1,297	1,198	1,221	1,246	1,159	41	51	39	3.2%	3.9%	3.3%
Sioux	1,421	1,396	1,416	1,245	1,243	1,228	176	153	188	12.4%	11.0%	13.3%
REGION 7	66,297	66,158	65,592	63,216	63,056	62,942	3,081	3,102	2,650	4.6%	4.7%	4.0%
Adams	1,804	1,830	1,859	1,760	1,800	1,818	44	30	41	2.4%	1.6%	2.2%
Billings	1,211	1,195	1,169	1,192	1,179	1,150	19	16	19	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%
Bowman	2,243	2,254	2,312	2,160	2,184	2,252	83	70	60	3.7%	3.1%	2.6%
Dunn	1,827	1,893	1,747	1,688	1,741	1,612	139	152	135	7.6%	8.0%	7.7%
Golden Valley	1,078	1,095	1,125	1,050	1,069	1,092	28	26	33	2.6%	2.4%	2.9%
Hettinger	1,981	2,039	1,945	1,922	1,953	1,892	59	86	53	3.0%	4.2%	2.7%
Slope	483	495	497	476	488	476	7	7	21	1.4%	1.4%	4.2%
Stark	11,990	12,027	12,336	11,505	11,513	11,811	485	514	525	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
REGION 8	22,617	22,828	22,990	21,753	21,927	22,103	864	901	887	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%
STATE TOTAL	337,286	339,123	333,020	322,747	325,136	319,851	14,539	13,987	13,169	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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